



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
JULY 11, 2016**

City Council Chambers  
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 8:34 p.m. by President Brown Clarke

**PRESENT:** Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

**ABSENT:** None

President Brown Clarke asked people to remember the four Dallas Police Officers who were recently killed, the Baliffs in the Berrien County killed on July 11<sup>th</sup> and James Tate, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. She also encouraged people to pray for our front line responders.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Brown Clarke.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Council Member Washington shared details of her recent visit to Urbandale Farms to purchase produce on Saturdays and encourages the public to visit Allen Street Farmers Market.

Council Member Wood shared details of the United We Stand Community Health Event and Men Making a Difference Family Community Cookout.

Council Member Dunbar shared details on South Lansing Farmers Market on Thursdays at St. Casimir.

Council Member Hussain shared details on the upcoming South Washington Park Apartments residents meeting.

Council Member Yorko shared details on the New World Flood's upcoming community center clean up at the former Genesee Street School.

City Clerk Swope shared details on the upcoming August Partisan Primary Election.

Council Member Houghton shared details on the upcoming Concert in the Park at the Fenner Nature Center.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, spoke about the Common Ground Festival, the upcoming Concert in the Park, Friday Outdoor Movie Nights, and the Mobile Food Pantry.

In addition, Mr. Hannan shared details on an upcoming special debris pickup as result of the storm with high winds last week and Board of Water and Light electronic mast repair program.

Council President Brown Clarke asked if special street cleaning was planned for Ward 1 as result of the extra tree debris from the storm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of ACT-7-2012; Sale of Former Fire Station #3; 629 W Hillsdale Street

Council Member Washington gave an overview of the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of ACT-7-2012; Sale of Former Fire Station #3; 629 W Hillsdale Street

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By Council Member Yorko

To approve items 1a, 1b, 1c on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2016-143**

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Community suffered a tremendous loss on June 24, 2016 with the passing of James Russell Riley, Sr. Mr. Riley's son, James R. Riley Jr. and his family hold tightly to their cherished memories of him; and

WHEREAS, James Riley Sr. was born September 22, 1922, graduated from Wayne State University and worked his way through school doing several jobs including working at the United States Post Office before pursuing his calling in Mortuary School; and

WHEREAS, James Russell Riley, Sr. was a World War II Veteran, recipient of many civic, service and community awards. James was a proud member in many organizations including Trinity A.M.E. Church; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Masonic Order and Elks Lodge; former President of the Lansing Housing Commission; NAACP; former President of Woldumar Nature Center; and Model Cities Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, James met his wife Deresa during WWII where he served in the Army Air Core. James as an honored member of NAACP was awarded the high honor of Golden Heritage Member, and as a student at Wayne State University he worked for Psi Phi Fraternity before becoming an active member; and

WHEREAS, James alongside his wife Deresa, founded Riley Funeral Home in 1957 which they operated until their retirement in 1993.

BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby recognizes James Russell Riley Sr. as a mentor, leader, devoted to his country, family and community. Lansing City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to James Russell Riley Sr. family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION #2016-144**

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Douglas Kirk Langham was born on September 15, 1940 in Mason, Michigan to Ora Glenn (Doc) and Nellie Langham. Lansing suffered a tragic loss on June 9, 2016 with the passing of this wonderful community member. Doug's devoted wife, Joan Bauer, brother Richard Dimond, and sister Dorothy Taylor hold tightly to their cherished memories of him; and

WHEREAS, Doug received a Bachelor Degree from California State University Hayward, before going on to obtain a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Doug served as the administrator of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division in the Michigan Department of Labor. Doug served as president of the Michigan Rehabilitation Association wherein he received the Award of Excellence, also receiving the National Rehabilitation Association's prestigious Mary Switzer Scholar Award; and

WHEREAS, Doug was a dedicated member of the East Lansing Rotary serving as president. Doug was a part of the Rotary Humanitarian Aid Mission in which he helped organize and deliver medical supplies from the Lansing area to Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, Doug will be long remembered as a vital part of the community for his selfless, proficient, and caring style of enriching others. He loved being a part of his community in welcoming new residents, going out of his way to provide time and love to those in need. Friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues will long remember him as a vital part of the Lansing community.

BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby recognizes Douglas Kirk Langham as a mentor, leader, devoted to his family and community. Lansing City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to Doug's family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION #2016-145**

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Reverend William H. Fineout was born March 24, 1947 to Jane Ann High and Donald S. Fineout in Lansing, and on June 14, 2016 the community suffered a great loss with his passing. William married Shannon Drotar June 14, 1985 and together they raised two daughters, Kathleen and Jill; and

WHEREAS, William graduated from Haslett High School in 1965, he earned his B.A. in Library Science with a teaching certificate in 1969 and an M.A. in Education Leadership in 1974. William worked with the Fowlerville Community Schools for 30 years in the role of librarian, athletic director, football coach, state champion cheerleading coach, and English teacher; and

WHEREAS, Reverend William H. Fineout began the Education for Ministry Program through the University of the South School of Theology in 2004. In 2006, William continued his education with the Ministry Studies Program through the Whitaker Institute, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Reverend William H. Fineout was a lifelong member of St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, Williamston; and

WHEREAS, Reverend William H. Fineout was ordained to the permanent diaconate on June 21, 2008, and served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing from 2007 to 2013. Reverend Fineout served as Chaplain for the local chapter of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, National Chaplain for the Doane Family Association of America, and was an instructor/facilitator for the Whitaker Institute. Reverend Fineout was appointed Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan on February 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, William was a community leader, role model and advocate for young adults who adored spending time with his pride and joy; his children and grandchildren. William was a follower of Michigan State athletics and loved anything Pure Michigan. He enjoyed sailing, golfing, telling jokes, and playing cards. William was passionate about serving God and would share that with others.

BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby recognizes Reverend William H. Fineout as a mentor, leader, devoted to his church, family and community. Lansing City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to Reverend William H. Fineout's family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2016-146**

BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOUGHTON  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council previously approved Resolution 2016-059 on March 28, 2016 in Support of UrbanBeat, LLC application for a Redevelopment Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Area Economic Partnership has provided notice that the original resolution contained the incorrect corporate name; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 in an effort to promote economic development in qualifying communities, the Michigan Legislature passed Act 501 of the Public Acts of 2006, being Section 521a of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, being MCL 436.1521a, which established the criteria for Development District or Area Liquor Licenses; and

WHEREAS, through the provisions of Public Act 501 of 2006, as amended ("Act") the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC) may issue new public on-premises liquor licenses in order to allow cities to enhance the quality of life for their residents and visitors to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Section 521a(2)(c) of the Act requires a resolution from the governing body of the community that establishes and certifies certain criteria, including a certification that the community has created a qualifying development area, and approving an applicant at a location within a development district before that applicant may apply to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a development district

or area liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council created the Lansing Principle Shopping District by Resolution in 1996 which the Act defines as a qualifying development district; and

WHEREAS, Urban Beat Event Center, Inc. ("Developer") intends to apply to the Liquor Control Commission for a development district or area liquor license for its new business located at 1217 Turner Street, in Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Urban Beat Event Center, Inc. meets the statutory requirements for a development district or area liquor license as its business of dining, entertainment or recreation, will be open to the general public and will have a seating capacity of not less than 50 persons; and

WHEREAS, Urban Beat Event Center, Inc. has provided evidence with its application that it can document the expenditure to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, of not less than \$75,000.00 in the rehabilitation or restoration of the building that houses the licensed premises over the preceding 5 years as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, Urban Beat Event Center, Inc. has been informed that final approval of a license at 1217 Turner Street will be subject to approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council recommend for the reasons stated above that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission consider the request from Urban Beat Event Center, Inc., 1217 Turner Street, Lansing, Michigan, for the issuance of a Development District Liquor License under the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council affirms that Urban Beat Event Center, Inc., 1217 Turner Street, is within the established boundaries of the development district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council directs the City Assessor to verify via an Affidavit the total amount of public and private investment in real and personal property within the development district or area amounts to \$200,000.00 or more over the preceding 5 years beginning in year 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the applicant meets the qualifications of Lansing's City Liquor Ordinances, and those required under MCL 436.1521a and that the license is approved "Above all others."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Urban Beat Event Center, Inc. and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution is an amendment to 2016-059, and shall be effective nunc pro tunc to March 28, 2016.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

#### **RESOLUTION #2016-147**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Men Making a Difference has requested \$500.00 to defray costs associated with facility, Showmobile, and miscellaneous rental fees as well as set up costs for the 2016 Family Community Cookout Fest to be held July 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of the Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500.00. The Committee on General Services on June 15, 2016 and approved an increase to \$800.00, to be allocated from Fiscal Year 2017 funds.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from the Community Funding Account to Men Making a Difference in the amount of \$800.00 to defray costs associated with facility, Showmobile, and miscellaneous rental fees as well as set up costs for the 2016 Family Community Cookout Fest to be held July 16, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$800.00 to Fiscal Year 2017 funds available in the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0;

BE IT RESOLVED that Men Making a Difference shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

#### **RESOLUTION #2016-148**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, NorthWest Initiative has requested \$500.00 to defray costs associated with the purchase of supplies for the Back to School Camp to be held August 29, 2016 – September 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of the Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500.00. The Committee on General Services met on June 15, 2016 and approved the use of Fiscal Year 2017 funds in the amount of \$500.00 for the Back to School Camp.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from the Community Funding Account to the NorthWest Initiative in the amount of \$500.00 to defray costs associated with the purchase of supplies for the Back to School Camp to be held August 29, 2016 – September 2, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$500.00 to the Fiscal Year 2017 funds available in the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NorthWest Initiative shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

#### **SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

#### **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS**

By Vice President Yorko that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Brown Clarke make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:

- a. Tri-County Office on Aging Fiscal Year 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- b. Transfer of Liquor License, TSFR Apple Venture, LLC, 6270 S. Cedar

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Lansing Police Department Annual Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

- a. Sole Source Purchase-Stryker Sales Corporation Power Pro Ambulance Cots, Lansing Fire Department

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Claim Appeal; Claim #1260 Erin Lemke for trash fee for property located at 1419 E. Saginaw Road

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

2. Communication from Suzanne Elms-Barclay regarding use of tax dollars and public disclosure

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

### **REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Washington requested Council President Brown Clarke give an update on the status of NAPA contract.

Council Member Wood shared details about upcoming Action of Greater Lansing Prosecuting Attorney Forum.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Claude Beavers spoke about various city matters.

Leroy McKnight encouraged the public to come out to vote in the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Partisan Primary.

Brian T Jackson spoke about his candidacy for Ingham County Prosecutor.

Elaine Wolmboldt thanked the Lansing Police Department for their service to the City.

**ADJOURNED TIME 9:14 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**